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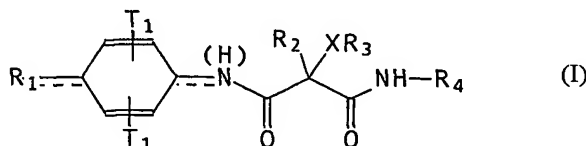
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**(54) Title:** QUINONEIMINES OF MALONIC ACID DIAMIDES



**(57) Abstract:** The present invention provides optionally substituted compounds of the formula (I) or salts thereof; wherein R<sub>1</sub> is O or S when double bonded to the ring or is OH, SH, or a protected equivalent, when single bonded to the ring, R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen or more preferably an C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> organic group attached by a carbon atom, X is H, O, OO, S or SS R<sub>3</sub> is absent where X=H, is hydrogen or is a hydroxyl or thiol protecting group, R<sub>4</sub> is a hetero- or preferably homo-cyclic aryl group, optionally substituted with a further group R<sub>5</sub> and groups T<sub>1</sub> are each, independently, absent, hydrogen or an S-R<sub>6</sub> group, where any/each R<sub>6</sub> is independently an organic group of molecular weight up to around 500 amu. The invention further provides a method for the synthesis of such compounds and a method of treatment comprising administering such compounds to a mammalian subject.

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